

Statement of Intent – December 2019

This statement of intent sets out the basis of the transfer process from the End Point Assessment (EPA) to the Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF or Diploma), that the Company plans to begin after month 42 of the new farriery apprenticeship scheme. The transfer process will enable apprentices who complete their EPA to receive the DipWCF result simultaneously alongside their EPA qualification.

The transfer process set out in this statement of intent will deliver on the Company's commitments for a straightforward, user-friendly system for apprentices to obtain the DipWCF. The majority of apprentices will only need to confirm (based on an opt-out system) that they wish to receive the Diploma qualification and their EPA results will then be checked to determine the equivalency level against the various Diploma pass bands. The transfer process will cater for the variety of EPA result outcomes and be as seamless as possible.

The EPA to Diploma transfer process will mean that:

- Apprentices who pass the EPA will be eligible for a 'Diploma status', enabling them and their exam outcome to be recorded in the Company records.
- No additional time will be taken outside of the normal EPA results production period, to confirm the equivalent Diploma status.
- Once the EPA results have been produced and communicated to the FRC, no additional time will be needed prior to getting apprentices onto the FRC register.
- The EPA can be delivered, unimpeded by the Company, under the umbrella of being an EPAO, whilst the awarding of the Diploma can be simultaneously granted in a protected fashion by the Company under the umbrella of 'securing adequate standards of competence and conduct'.

This will enable apprentices, training colleges, and the FRC to continue practices in line with the new apprenticeship scheme, with no change. There will be plenty of time for the Company to outline, in even further detail, the internal procedures by which the EPA results will be converted into Diploma awards results. Until that time has passed, this statement of intent should serve as confirmation that the mechanism, by which a candidate who successfully completes their End Point Assessment and chooses to be awarded the Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, will be harmonious.



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